

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

(Effective from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009)

	FREE MEALS Income Less Than or Equal to the Numbers Below					REDUCED MEALS	PAID MEALS Greater Than the Numbers Below				
Household Size	Annually	Monthly	Twice A Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly		Annually	Monthly	Twice A Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	13,520	1,127	564	520	260	Greater Than Free and Less Than Paid	19,240	1,604	802	740	370
2	18,200	1,517	759	700	350		25,900	2,159	1,080	997	499
3	22,880	1,907	954	880	440		32,560	2,714	1,357	1,253	627
4	27,560	2,297	1,149	1,060	530		39,220	3,269	1,635	1,509	755
5	32,240	2,687	1,344	1,240	620		45,880	3,824	1,912	1,765	883
6	36,920	3,077	1,539	1,420	710		52,540	4,379	2,190	2,021	1,011
7	41,600	3,467	1,734	1,600	800		59,200	4,934	2,467	2,277	1,139
8	46,280	3,857	1,929	1,780	890		65,860	5,489	2,745	2,534	1,267
For each additional Family member.	4,680	390	195	180	90		6,660	555	278	257	129

<u>NOTICE</u>: Unless the Income Eligibility Form indicates that the participant is eligible for Food Stamps, FDPIR or FAIM/TANF, all information requested on the Income Eligibility Form (with the exception of the individual's race) must be completed in order to place the participant in the "Free" or "Reduced" category. If a parent or guardian chooses not to give this information, place the family in the "Paid" category.

<u>Family Size/Household Size</u>: This means all the participants and adults (related or unrelated) who live in the household and share living expenses or meals.

<u>Household Monthly Gross Income</u>: Monthly income received by each household member must be listed separately on the lines provided. Income includes:

- 1. Gross wages, salaries, commissions and fees.
- 2. Social Security, welfare, pension or unemployment payments.
- 3. Dividends and interest payments.
- 4. Alimony, child support or other regular contributions from persons outside the household.
- 5. Other cash income.
- 6. Government, civilian or military retirement, or veteran's payment.
- 7. Private pensions or annuities.
- 8. Net income from self-employment, including farming.
- 9. Net income from rent or royalties.

TO DETERMINE CATEGORY:

- 1. Review the income eligibility form for completeness. In order to place children in the "Free" or "Reduced" category the forms must contain:
 - a. Names of children enrolled.
 - b. Gross income received by each household member, or case number for TANF/FAIM, FDPIR or food stamps.
 - c. Signature of parent/guardian and their Social Security Number.
- 2. Find the line on the chart that corresponds to the total number of children and adults in the household. Follow across the page until you come to the figure that includes the household's total monthly income. This will identify the appropriate category (free, reduced or paid eligibility).